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This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003 in the above-referenced application, allowing claims 9, 92, 98, 95, 97, and 103-107, objecting to claims 16, 20, 21, and 27, and rejecting claims 1, 8, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, 22, 25, 26, and 28 insofar as the latter claims are drawn to the antibody designated as CBH-2. The cited reference is Persson, *et. al.*, WO 97/40176. The following remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims begin on p. 2 of this paper. As indicated there, please amend claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 25-28, 92, 106, and 107.

Remarks begin on p. 5 of this paper.

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